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EXPORT AND IMPORT OF MAJOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the major agricultural produces exported and imported by India during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent dumping of seeds of hazardous produces during such imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The major agricultural produces exported during the last three years include rice, wheat, maize, sugar, meat, milk products, fruits, vegetables, seeds etc. The major agricultural imports include edible oils, pulses, sugar and sugar confectionery, wheat, meat etc.

(b) The Government, through its Policy on Seed Development 1988, provides that all imports of seeds and planting material would be regulated under the Plant Quarantine Order 2003 and amendments made therein. A small quantity of seeds sought to be imported is first subjected to trial and based on the trial results/evaluation, bulk import of exotic seeds and planting material is permitted for minimum two years thereby preventing the dumping of seeds of hazardous products during such imports.